

Assessment of Learning Media: Introduction

A reading and learning media assessment is conducted as part of a student's evaluation. The California Education Code requires all visually impaired students to have a current learning media assessment which should be updated and/or reviewed every three years.

This assessment is designed to determine the most effective method for teaching an individual student, or to ensure that the method being used is the correct one. For example, some students, although visually impaired, will continue to use remaining vision as their primary method for learning. Other students may utilize tactile learning (Braille), auditory learning (recorded or taped materials), and many students will use a combination of media to achieve their goals.

In addition to assisting those students who participate in the regular education curriculum, this assessment is also designed to assure that students whose goals are functional are being taught in a meaningful fashion, designed to maximize their ability to live independently.